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constitutional amendment. And, Senator Chambers, if I'd hate my country as much as you do, I'd get out of here. I wouldn't stay here. I'd go some other place where I was appreciated. And I'm going to close with a little poem. We've seen a lot of poems, a lot of poetry passed out, and this was written by Gretchen Smith who worked for Senator Lowell Johnson: My fellow members of the Nebraska Legislature, I rise today to support a group venture: That we as a body should take a firm stand to protect the national symbol that flies over our land. Old Glory is her name and long may she wave held in great reverence by the free and the brave. I believe in free expression, in that there is no doubt but destroying our symbol of freedom is something we can do without. Our forefathers worked hard to carve a great nation by creating a Bill of Rights and that famous Declaration. The flag became a trademark of the land of the free and was the legendary inspiration for Francis Scott Key. Now Americans want to ruin the threads of our nation in a fashion that is nothing less than an abomination. I hope that you will give serious thought to protecting the banner of liberty for which was toiled and fought. Your support of a vote would be...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...greatly appreciated, I'm anxious to get this resolution initiated. Senator Chambers, your poetry has been an inspiration, when LR 10 passes, I'll be filled with elation. I would urge the body, the members of this body to vote to bring this from the committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Hefner's closing. We will now proceed to vote on the motion to place LB 10 on General File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. A roll call vote has been requested.

SENATOR HEFNER: All members are here? Are we under call now?

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, we are. And all members are here. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See pages 1603-04 of the Legislative Journal.) 24 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to place the bill on General File.

SPEAKER BAACK: The motion fails. We will now proceed to Item 8, General File and LB 754.